

Special Provisions Summary
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health,
Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
Session Law 2009-451, Senate Bill 202

10.12 –

- The Secretary may not force mergers of LME's prior to January 1, 2010, except those LME's that do meet the catchment area requirements of GS 122C-115. LME's may voluntarily consolidate.
- The Division may reallocate state service funds midyear, and direct funds away from LME's not on track to spend all of its funds and allocate additional funds to those LME's who need more funding.
- The Division shall continue implementation of the Supports Intensity Scale assessment tool pilot project if the pilot has demonstrated effectiveness and validity. The Department shall report on the progress by May 1, 2010.

10.12A – Of funds appropriated to Department of Health and Human Services, the Division shall use funds to continue developing a health care information system for State institutions.

10.13 – Continues the direction for School-Based Child and Family Team Initiative

10.15 – LME's may use 1% of its Substance Abuse Service Funds to provide nominal incentives for consumers. Continues the direction for the Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) program and directs that up to \$300,000 be used for the program. Allows for an LME to contract with a single treatment provider for non-Medicaid eligible participants.

10.16 – Directs the Secretary to implement Total Quality Management in the state facilities.

10.18B – Directs the Division to review and streamline all data collection and reporting requirements by the Division and LME's.

10.20 – Directs the Division to work with LME's to enhance administrative capabilities to assume utilization management responsibilities for the provision of community-based services.

10.21 – Directs any committed Mental Health Trust Fund dollars to be spent on the specific approved projects and those funds not revert to the General Fund.

10.21A – Requires the Department to decentralize the maintenance operations at Western Regional Maintenance and Butner Facilities. A report is required on October 1, 2009.

10.21D – Continues the Joint Study Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Public Safety. The Committee shall terminate on December 31, 2010.

10.21E – Directs the Secretary to transfer the patients from Central Regional Hospital – Raleigh Campus to Central Regional Hospital – Butner Campus in a safe and timely manner after the restraining order is lifted resulting from the Disability Rights North Carolina, et. Al. v. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services case.